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To the Faculty and Staff of Southern Illinois University

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The modern American state-supported university is a complex and dynamic institution, involving many constituencies, both internal and external. In the day-to-day operations of a university, interrelationships between its various constituencies, as each pursues both group and institutional objectives, need to be directed and guided by "ground rules" which are derived from and are consistent with the legal framework that initially established and thereafter maintains the institution.

Accordingly, a Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville "Manual of Operations" has been produced and copies distributed to principal administrative officers. This manual, which was compiled by the Office of the Senior Vice President for Planning and Review, represents the first comprehensive attempt to bring together into one publication the various documents which direct and guide the operations of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

The essential period of time covered by the manual is from January of 1968 -- the year of the establishment of Chancellor positions at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, respectively -- through December of 1972. Covering as it does a five-year period, and attempting to be comprehensive, the manual includes many items which could be termed "historical" from the standpoint of current day-to-day operations. These items are included because the manual is the first of its kind, and because such items, as resource material can and do influence both the present and the future of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

It is expected that subsequent issues of the manual will be published on a calendar year basis, in January of each year. In this connection, 1973 will be a year of testing and refinement of the first manual -- in terms of applicability, coverage and utility. Results will indicate both the form and content of subsequent manuals. As the manual is used during 1973, recommendations for changes, corrections and additions should be addressed through channels to the Office of the Senior Vice President for Planning and Review. A copy of the "Manual of Operations" can be found at Lovejoy Library.

I sincerely hope that this "Manual of Operations" will be useful to all individuals and groups involved in or concerned with Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, to the end that the institution can pursue its objectives in the most fruitful and efficient manner.

John S. Rendleman
President